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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. No copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO-1440 are submitted. Please note that PCT/GB00/00599 corresponds to WO 2000/49435A, PCT/US99/18089 corresponds to WO 2000/16141A, PCT/GB00/00600 corresponds to WO 2000/49436 and PCT/GB2003/000066 (incorrectly identified as PCT/GB2003/000060 at page 19 of specification) corresponds to WO 0305 8309A1 as cited in the specification. Copies of the cited foreign documents and article references are enclosed. The article Knight et al., on

page 2, should be pages 1547-1549. The Examiner is requested to make these references of record in the file of this application.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required by the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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